give Corpus Fund for development and maintenance of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Memorial at Karamsad;

(b) if so, the amount of such fund given; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SARIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) A sum of Rs. 1.5 crore was sanctioned by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Trust druing the year 1996-97 for setting up a permanent memorial at Karamsad, Gujarat. At present, there is no proposal to provide corpus fund for the memorial.

Maintenance and preservation of historical monuments and heritage sites

2600. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge amount is spent by ASI on the maintenance and preservation of historical monuments and heritage sites;

(b) if so, whether Government have explored the possibility of hiring out the vacant land around the monuments for holding small functions/parties/ festivals etc. against payment of certain percentage of gate money of fixed amount to meet the maintenance/preservation expenditure;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Expenditure incurred by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) during the last three years for maintenance and preservation of protected monuments/ sites of national importance is as under:

Year	Expenditure
2003-04	Rs. 90.28 crores
2004-05	Rs. 92.88 crores
2005-06	Rs. 101.95 crores

(b) to (d) The Archaeological Survey of India has laid down guidelines relating to usage of specific areas of protected monuments for holding cultural events. Such permission is granted to Government Departments and public bodies on payment of the prescribed fees as below:-

(i) Rs. 25,000/- per day when as event is proposed to be held in the land attached to a protected monuments (in respect of selected monuments at Delhi) and Rs. 10,000/- in respect of monuments located in other Circels.

(ii) Rs. 50,000/- if a part of the built monument is likely to be used along with the attached land (in respect of selected monuments at Delhi) and Rs. 25,000/- per day in respect of monuments located in other Circles.

In addition to the above. Archaeological Survey of India would also demand a refundable security deposit of Rs. 50,000/- per day in respect of monuments in Delhi and Rs. 30,000/- in respect of monuments located in other Circles. The Archaeological Survey of India would also be free to impose other conditions with regard to parking, number of visitors, noise and luminous levels, etc. to ensure that no damage is caused to the monument.

The revenue collected by the Archaeological Survey of India goes to the Consolidated Fund of the Government of India.

Protection of heritage buildings

2601. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of heritage buildings have lost their significance due to rapid development of various cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the important heritage buildings identified in various States by Government; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to protect these heritage buildings?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Due to rapid urbanization, construction of multistoreyed residential and commercial buildings, and implementation of development projects, 35 centrally protected monuments/sites are not traceable in the country and the details (State-wise) are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).